was doing his work regarding failure to attend to his duties because of his indebtedness?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—Nothing was brought to my notice in that direction.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With reference to the answer to (a), I ask whether there was any complaint regarding the inability of the Vaidyan concerned to attend to his duties because of his indebtedness.

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—There was no complaint from the ailing public. But I have seen it myself when I went there for inspection that he was not in the Vaidyasala. He was actually playing a hide and seek game.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Is there any record to show that?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—There must be some record. I have not verified it.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—May I know whether chronic debtors will be disturbed by their creditors?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—That was actually the fact. He was actually worried.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—May I know whether a chronic debtor will be tempted to misappropriate Government money?

**President.**—It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—Before we go to the next question I beg to make a correction in Appendix II, line 3. It is not "Utharavu" but it ought to be a "letter".

## Authority to appoint Panchayat Vaidyans.

85. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who is the appointing authority as far as Panchayat Vaidyans are concerned; is it the Registrar or the Panchayats concerned;

(b) who is the present Panchayat Vaidyan at the newly opened Panchayat Vaidyasala at Thiruvilwamala;

(c) who was his predecessor and if he is not the first Vaidyan of that institution, who was the first and what became of him?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—(a) The power of appointment of Panchayat Vaidyans is vested in the Panchayats concerned.

(b) K. Neelacandhankutty of Narakkal.

(c) He had no predecessor. It is a new Vaidyasala.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Are the Panchayats generally consulted in the matter of such appointments?

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**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—Yes; always. And it is being approved also by the Panchayat Departmental Head.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know on whom is the authority to transfer Vaidyans?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—The Panchayat itself, but with the approval of the Panchayat Registrar.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—In the matter of the proposed transfer to Thiruvilwamala was the Panchayat concerned consulted by the Registrar?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—I wrote a D. O. to the President of the Panchayat and I also personally consulted him and he had no objection.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With regard to this letter, has not the President written to say that when the matter was talked over between him and the Registrar, he had placed before the Registrar the objections of the public of the place regarding the transfer and their anxiety to have him there?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—It was in reply to the official letter I issued two weeks after that that he wrote to me like that, when he consulted the Panchayat.

## Transfer for Amballur Panchayat Vaidyan.

**86. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Registrar of Panchayats had been requested either by petition or letter or by word of mouth by the Amballur Panchayat Vaidyan, Mr. C. T. Raman Menon for a transfer to the Poomangalam Panchayat Vaidyasala; if so, when;

(b) was it for granting this request that the Registrar thought of transferring the Poomangalam Panchayat Vaidyan from his place?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—(a) Yes. The Vaidyan had submitted a petition through the Panchayat requesting for a transfer on 5th Makaram 1107.

(b) No.

## Service of the Poomangalam Panchayat Vaidyan Mr. Kuttan Menon.

**87. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Poomangalam Panchayat Vaidyan Mr. Kuttan Menon is now in service;

(b) will the letter D-1984/1107, dated 24th May 1932 from the Registrar of Village Panchayats read in Diwan's Proceedings order D-Dis.12617/1107, dated 7th June 1932 be placed on the Council table?

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